

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT Office of Emergency Services	(2) MEETING DATE 12/10/2013	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Vincent Morici 781-5011	
(4) SUBJECT Request for approval to accept \$302,716 from the Federal Fiscal Year 2013 Homeland Security Grant Program and authorize related budget adjustments and changes to fixed asset lists.			
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that the Board: 1) Approve the Office of Emergency Services request to accept \$302,716 from the 2013 Federal Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) for the projects identified, on behalf of the San Luis Obispo County Operational Area; 2) Authorize (4/5ths vote required) the related budget adjustments for the Sheriff's Department, County Fire, County Public Health and the Office of Emergency Services; and 3) Approve additions to the fixed asset list of the Sheriff's Department, County Fire Department and County Public Health.			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) Homeland Security Grant	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT \$302,716.00	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT \$0.00	(9) BUDGETED? No
(10) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. ____) <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. ____)			
(11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input type="checkbox"/> Resolutions <input type="checkbox"/> Contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A			
(12) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) N/A		(13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: 1314068; 1314071; 1314072; 1314074 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4/5th's Vote Required <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	
(14) LOCATION MAP N/A	(15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? No	(16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY <input type="checkbox"/> N/A Date: <u>8/13/2013, Item 1</u>	
(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW Guy Savage			
(18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) - All Districts			

County of San Luis Obispo



TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Office of Emergency Services / Vincent Morici 781-5011

DATE: 12/3/2013

SUBJECT: Request for approval to accept \$302,716 from the Federal Fiscal Year 2013 Homeland Security Grant Program and authorize related budget adjustments and changes to fixed asset lists.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board: 1) Approve the Office of Emergency Services request to accept \$302,716 from the 2013 Federal Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) for the projects identified, on behalf of the San Luis Obispo County Operational Area; 2) Authorize the related budget adjustments for the Sheriff's Department, County Fire, County Public Health and the Office of Emergency Services; and 3) Approve additions to the fixed asset list of the Sheriff's Department, County Fire Department and County Public Health.

DISCUSSION

Through the California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES), the United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is providing grant funds for efforts such as planning for homeland security and emergency operations; purchasing of specialized equipment to enhance the capability of local agencies in responding to emergencies; costs related to certain training courses; costs related to certain exercises; and management and administration costs.

On August 13, 2013, your Board approved the request by the Office of Emergency Services (OES) to apply for this grant. This request is for your Board to give approval to the Office of Emergency Services (OES) to accept the federal fiscal year 2013 Homeland Security Grant Program. Through pre-determined grant award formulas by Cal OES, the San Luis Obispo County Operational Area is eligible to receive up to \$302,716 in FFY 2013 Homeland Security Grant Program funds. In terms of emergency management, State of California defines an Operational Area as being comprised of all local governments within the geographical boundary of a county.

Determining the most efficient use of the grant funds involves representatives from various agencies working together to recommend projects to be funded using the grant funds. (See "Other Agency Involvement" on the following page.) These recommendations are then prioritized by the below described "Homeland Security Grant Approval Authority."

Pursuant to Cal OES requirements regarding receipt of grant funds, a recipient agency must establish a Homeland Security Grant Approval Authority ("the Authority"). In our County, this authority consists of the County Sheriff, County Fire Chief, a municipal fire chief (selected by the local fire chiefs in the San Luis Obispo County Operational Area), a chief of police (selected by the local police chiefs in the San Luis Obispo County Operational Area), and the County Public Health Officer or his or her designee. The Authority is required to develop and approve specific uses for the grant funds awarded.

The specific members of the Approval Authority for the San Luis Obispo County Operational Area are:

- Sheriff Ian Parkinson, San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's Office
- Chief Rob Lewin, Cal Fire/County Fire Department
- Chief Ken Johnson, Paso Robles Emergency Services/Fire Department
- Chief Jeff Norton, Pismo Beach Police Department
- Dr. Penny Borenstein, San Luis Obispo County Health Officer

A tentative list of items to be purchased and of proposed projects was included in the August 13, 2013 Board staff report requesting permission to apply for this grant. That tentative list is consistent with the finalized list of projects and included in the formal grant application. All of the projects submitted with the grant application have been approved by Cal EMA. In circumstances where a proposed project is not feasible to procure or the actual cost of projects is less than that identified in the grant, a request may be made to Cal OES or FEMA to purchase an alternate item or project.

Certain items being requested that have a cost of \$5,000 each or more require an amendment to the fixed asset list of the purchasing department. The requested additions to the various department fixed asset lists from the 2013 grant purchases are identified at the end of each of the individual projects as shown below. Approval of this Board item includes the authorization to amend the fixed asset lists for the departments purchasing fixed assets.

Since this grant acceptance request is being made on behalf of the San Luis Obispo County Operational Area, some of the purchased items and funds for training may be passed through to cities or special districts within San Luis Obispo County.

The amount funded and project descriptions are as follows:

Grant Reference: Project A

Funded Amount \$150,000 for 300 Degree Force Option Simulator Equipment (Sheriff). This equipment will provide realistic 300 degree force option training for peace officers in a safe setting using a wide variety of scenarios that could arise for officers carrying out law enforcement duties. Full Force Options Training includes support for officer presence, verbal commands, OC, TASER® Electronic Control Devices (ECD), bean bag shotgun, pistol, shotgun and rifle. Realistic and intense simulation training results in better life-or-death decision making, saving both civilian and officer lives. This is a fixed asset.

Grant Reference: Project B

Funded Amount \$6,200 for Air distribution system for the hazardous materials response team use (County Fire). Instead of having to work in an area of dangerous atmosphere while wearing the individual air supply bottles commonly seen on firefighters, this is an air supply cart system that allows for up to four firefighters/haz mat responders at one time to be linked to a supply of fresh air by hose while working in an area with dangerous or potentially dangerous atmosphere. This allows the responders to work in an area much longer than if they were to have to stop work and come out of the area whenever their air supply bottles ran low. This is a fixed asset.

Grant Reference: Project C

Funded Amount \$20,000 for Biosafety cabinet (Public Health): This is biological safe storage cabinet for use with the Public Health lab. The purchase of this cabinet will improve the safety of Public Health Lab staff working with biological materials. This is a fixed asset.

Grant Reference: Project D

Funded Amount \$7,880 for Microscope (Public Health). This is a microscope for use in the Public Health lab. The Public Health lab is certified to exam for certain suspicious substances that could be found anywhere in the county. This microscope enhances the ability of lab staff to more quickly analyze suspicious substances. This is a fixed asset.

Grant Reference: Project E

Funded Amount \$30,000 Cal OES for Primary response vehicle (dual-cab pick-up truck) with heavy trailer towing ability (Public Health). Public Health has a variety of supplies and resources that include two cargo type trailers with supplies needed to set up what are called "points of distribution" (POD) to provide mass inoculations in the event of a widespread outbreak of disease that would require providing vaccines or other medications to large numbers of people at once. Other supplies are stored in fixed locations at Public Health. This vehicle can be used for use both independently as single response and utility vehicle for Public Health emergency preparedness staff, as well as the designated vehicle with the ability to tow the POD trailers for use during emergencies. This is a fixed asset.

Grant Reference: Project F

Funded Amount \$27,500 for CHEMPACK Training (Public Health). The CHEMPACK is a supply of medical antidotes in supply caches, provided by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control, for treating chemical exposure to hazardous materials releases with a number of victims. The various caches are located at hospitals in the county. The intent of these funds is for training and conduct and exercise involving these caches, with and between the hospitals, Public Health, and other involved local agencies. Training, incorporating simulated events, will enhance local responder preparedness for treatment to chemical exposure associated with hazardous materials.

Grant Reference: Project G

Funded Amount \$46,000 for Active shooter training for law enforcement, fire, and ambulance personnel (County Fire). This would fund training and practice of procedures for first responders to use in the event of an active shooter event in a public place or venue. Experiences across the country have demonstrated the need for first responder training associated with shooting events in locations where many individuals could be harmed by one or more people who open fire in a public place. This training would allow law enforcement, fire, and ambulance personnel to work together on processes and procedures for an event involving an active shooter in a venue involving multiple people at risk. The training will incorporate response to situations where people are wounded and down yet the situation has not been secured by law enforcement. Examples across the nation of such events include movie venues, schools, apartment complex, and work place shootings.

Grant Reference: Project H

Funded Amount: \$15,136 for Management and Administration: These funds will offset OES costs of administering the grant.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT

The Fire Chiefs Association of San Luis Obispo County, the Criminal Justice Administrators' Association, the Sheriff's Department, Cal Fire/County Fire, and Public Health will work together to determine how the grant funding will be most efficiently used. Grant administration and coordination with and between the various agencies using the grant funds is provided by County OES. County OES works directly with the State on behalf of all local agencies for grant related issues.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

This grant is 100% federally funded and there are no matching cost requirements. However, there may be ongoing ancillary costs to the county resulting from accepting these grants and putting the projects in place. Unless other funding sources are found, these operational costs will be absorbed within existing budget allocations by the representative county department budget units that receive the grant funded items. It is anticipated ongoing costs for maintenance of the requested items will vary with use. Maintenance expense is estimated to be between \$5,000 and \$10,000 annually.

The funds from this grant are reimbursement monies, not up front dollars. As a result, existing entities within the Operational Area must purchase the equipment and then be reimbursed.

The funds will be allocated through the following county departments: Sheriff, County Fire, OES, and the Health Agency. In addition, this is a multi-year grant which will be carried over into future County fiscal years.

This agenda item requires a 4/5th vote for approval.

RESULTS

The equipment and training provided through the approval to apply HSGP funding for the projects identified in this Board letter will enhance local emergency response capabilities and emergency management associated with potential homeland security incidents as well as other types of emergencies. The enhancement emergency response capability increases public safety and is consistent with the countywide goal for safe community.